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St. Jude clinical trial is 'God send' for Howell

Charlotte Smith
Editor

One year, twelve months, four seasons - a lifetime for a family who has a child fighting Hodgkin lymphoma. The family of Mary Browder Howell has gone full circle in the span of 365 days. This Christmas, just two weeks away, they are celebrating the fact that Mary Browder is once again a healthy and vibrant young lady, but also cancer free.

Christmas 2013, Mary Browder was a 10-year-old, fighting off two bouts of pneumonia within six weeks, losing several pounds, running a low-grade fever and feeling lethargic. "I just knew something wasn't right," added mom Renee. As a mother of three, Renee is used to dealing with the different personalities of the trio, and when Mary Browder was spending more time sitting in a chair reading a book instead of riding her bike or playing outside she was determined to find out what was going on with her eldest daughter.

Mary Browder wasn't eating

and was even too tired to stay up to watch the ball fall on New Year's Eve. "It was unheard of for me not to have an appetite," added Mary Browder. "All I wanted to do was sleep."

When the medication from her second round of pneumonia just didn't do what it should have and Mary Browder was still having fever, was lethargic and lost more weight, Renee asked the family Pediatrician, Dr. Tara Houston, to test her for mono. "When the test came back negative, Dr. Houston suggested we do a chest x-ray," Renee said. Mary Browder was Dr. Houston's first patient and a close family friend. That's when they discovered what no family wants to see on an x-ray of their child. They found a mass, which was located around the thymus gland, laying across Mary Browder's wind pipe. With fear that the mass could cut off her breathing while she was asleep, the Howell family made a mad dash to St. Jude Children's

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TROPHY WINNING FLOAT - Members of David's Chapel Baptist Church entered a float in the Hickman Christmas Parade held on Saturday, Dec. 6 at 11 a.m. David's Chapel was one of three entries that were awarded a trophy. Those shown on the float include (l to r) Sherry Henson, Joseph Madding, Hailey Butler, Emily Butler, Tyler Nance, Les Costello, Lori Parker. Not pictured: Destiny Madding, Jacob Amil, and driver was Ricky Newcomb. (See more parade photos on page 8.)



Mary Browder Howell (right, in back) with siblings Madeline Howell (left, in back) and Owen Howell (in front)

Jobless rate in Fulton County falls to 8.6

Unemployment rates fell in all 120 Kentucky counties between October 2013 and October 2014, according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training, an agency of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet. Fulton County is now sitting at 8.6 percent, placing them in the middle of the scale. This is the third consecutive month that Kentucky has seen a year-over-year drop in all counties.

"We all celebrate when the jobless rate is down," added Fulton County Judge/Executive David Gallagher. "We are happy that Fulton County has seen significant drops in the jobless rate. Thanks to the Fulton County-Hickman County Economic Development Partnership (EDP) and Eddie Crittendon for a job well done."

"Over the last couple of years our unemployment rate has been one of the highest in the country. I think in late 2012 early 2013 we

were in the 20% to 18% range in Fulton County," noted Crittendon. Crittendon is the EDP Executive Director.

"We have been very fortunate that since March of 2013 until now we have announced over 50 million dollars in capital investment, 400 full time jobs at peak production, will re-capture two million dollars in block grant money that we will use for future economic development projects and dropped our unemployment rate over 10%," noted Crittendon. "I think that is very good considering the budget that we have to work with. When I started with the EDP seven years ago our budget was less than one hundred thousand dollars a year and it remains the same today."

According to Crittendon they have never asked their contributors to increase their giving. "Why is this important you ask, well considering neighboring

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TAKING THE OATH OF OFFICE - New Hickman City Commissioner Heath Carlton (left) was administered the oath of office along with (l to r) Commissioner Roger Adams, Mayor David Lattus and Commissioners Phillip Williams and David Weatherly. Administering the oath on Monday, Dec. 8 at the conclusion of the City Commission meeting was City Attorney Leanna Wilkerson.

Application deadline to grow hemp is January 1

The Kentucky Department of Agriculture is taking applications for farmers and processors who would like to participate in industrial hemp pilot projects next year. It is too early to say if any Fulton County farmers will be willing to participate in the project introduced heavily by Agriculture Commissioner James Comer.

Comer says this year's first round of pilot projects provided a large amount of data about production methods, seed varieties, harvesting and processing techniques and uses for harvested hemp. Now he says the state wants a wide scope of pilot projects next year to help prepare for eventual commercial hemp production open to all.

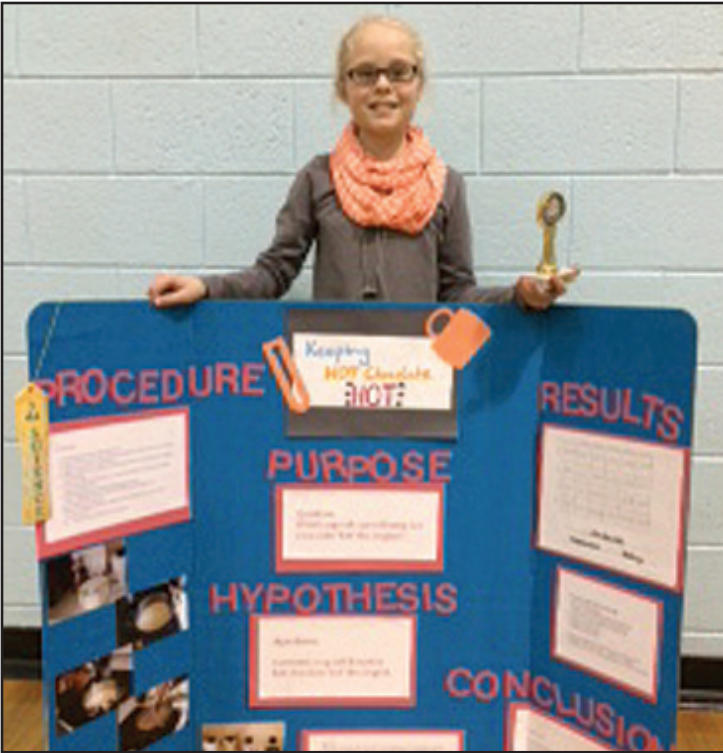
Fulton County farmer David Weatherly has briefly researched industrial hemp back when it was apparent that Kentucky would legalize its production. "There is a lack of comprehensive information available," stated Weatherly. "You must search through article after article and glean small bits of information from each."

"It may be a viable crop for Kentucky, but from what I understand it is unlikely to yield more net profit per acre than corn or

soybeans at current price levels. There are also issues about where to obtain the seed, which varieties to grow, and who will buy it. It seems there are still more questions than answers right now."

The application deadline is Jan. 1.

The application is available at <http://www.kyagr.com/hemp> and can be completed electronically and emailed to doris.hamilton@ky.gov or printed, completed and mailed to the department.



OVERALL SCIENCE FAIR WINNER - Virginia Varden, a fifth grader at Fulton County Elementary Middle School, was named the overall science fair winner on Tuesday, Nov. 25.

School board accepts bid for ATC boiler replacement

Five bids were received for the boiler replacement project at the Fulton County Area Technology Center (ATC) on Wednesday, Dec. 3. The bids were opened and reviewed at 2 p.m. by Dale Jackson and N3D Architect Scott Noel.

At 4:30 p.m. Fulton County School Board members Perry Turner, Rob Garrigan and Kimberly Hagler reviewed the five bids which ranged in price from \$60,385 on up to \$99,691.

Four of the five bids received were submitted by Kentucky businesses and the fifth from South Fulton, Tenn. "Positive references were received on All Above Service who submitted the lowest bid," stated Fulton County Schools Superintendent Aaron Collins.

All Above Service, LLC, who

submitted the low bid of \$60,385, is located in Benton, Ky.

Garrigan's motion to accept the bid from All Above Service received a second from Turner with all present voting in favor of the motion.

Others submitting bids include The Lusk Group of Muldraugh, Ky.; MCG Industries of South Fulton, Tenn.; I.C.I. Mechanical, LLC of Paducah, Ky.; and CMI Heating & AC, Inc., also of Paducah.

The total cost, \$69,568, is higher than the original estimate, but still within budget, leaving a \$5,000 cushion in the repairs and maintenance account allotted for the ATC. "We are confident that we will have the necessary funding if an emergency arises," added Supt. Collins.

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Santa Letter deadline
December 11, 3 p.m.

OBITUARIES

Samuel E. Holly
LaVan McClure
Russell Hickman

RAIN WATCH

November 2014 - 2.24
December 2014 - 0.94
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RIVER STAGE FORECASTS

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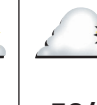
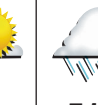
Wednesday, Dec. 10 - 31.3
Thursday, Dec. 11 - 33.0
Friday, Dec. 12 - 33.8
Saturday, Dec. 13 - 34.2
Sunday, Dec. 14 - 34.2



ROTARIANS GIVING BACK - Hickman Rotarians (l to r) Babydoll Yarbro, Daisy Benigno, and Dorothy Benford hand out hot chocolate to people before the Hickman Christmas Parade on Saturday. (More photos on page 2.)



Your Local Weather

Thu 12/11	Fri 12/12	Sat 12/13	Sun 12/14	Mon 12/15
 45/32 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the mid 40s and lows in the low 30s.	 51/35 Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the mid 30s.	 53/40 Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the low 40s.	 58/41 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the low 40s.	 51/40 Rain. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the low 40s.

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THE HICKMAN COURIER

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Turning Back The Clock

25 Years Ago
December 7, 1989
Obituaries: Neal Roach, 83.

Carl Risberg, a Fulton County Senior was selected as a member of the second team of the Kentucky All-State football team by the Associated Press. Risberg has played as kicker for the Pilots for the past two seasons. Two other Fulton County players, Chris Moses and Leonard Smith were also honored.

Pictured: Tim Langford was sworn in on November 16, 1989, as Commonwealth Attorney for the first circuit which includes Hickman, Fulton, Carlisle, and Ballard counties. Circuit Judge Will Shadoan administered the oath at the Carlisle County Courthouse. Langford was elected as Commonwealth Attorney during the General Election on November 7.

Andrea Simpson and Greg Cagle were nominated and chosen as the Fulton County FFA Sweetheart and Beau.

Keri Bellew, a graduate of Fulton County High School with the class of 1988, has been selected as a cheerleader for the Murray State University Lady Racers. Keri is the daughter of Monroe and Sandie Bellew of Hickman.

Jay Graham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Graham of the Cayce community, has been selected to represent Fulton County High School in the Century III Leaders Program, sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals and Shell Oil Company. Century III Leaders, now in its 15th years, has had funding from the Shell Oil Company Foundation in the amount of almost \$3 million

50 Years Ago
December 10, 1964

The city of Hickman, in response to Bypass petitioners, is redoubling efforts to get speed limit signs erected on Bypass 1099. Residents along the newly annexed area complain that speeding autos along the road, which bypasses Hickman and which has heavy traffic, endangers the lives of children and residents who have homes on the Bypass.

The FCHS Band won top spot during the Tiptonville Christmas parade Monday night. There were reportedly four area bands competing for the honor.

Mrs. Mary C. Wilmath was last week's Mystery Shopper.

Miss Brenda Owens and her fiancé, Billy Don Cherry of Fulton, were feted at a buffet dinner and □do-dad□ shower last Wednesday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Falkoff.

Newton's Super Market, Moscow Avenue, has round steak for 89¢ a lb., chuck roast lb. 59¢, and Midwest ice cream 3-/12 gallon \$1.

75 Years Ago
December 8, 1939

J.M. Calvin, city superintendent of schools, announced that the new high school building here is practically complete with the exception of hardware and locks for the openings which are being shipped this week and that plans are being made for occupying the new structure early in January.

Winners in the Santa Claus letter contest for this week are: Swayne Barry, Sara Don Henry, and Eva Emily Phipps.

Drilling on the new well for the city of Hickman was completed on Wednesday of this week at a depth of 630 feet, it was reported today.

At the regular monthly meeting of the city council held Monday evening, J.A. Whipple, president of the Citizens Bank, offered for 6% interest, to finance the city if it will adopt a budget system, adhere to it and agree not to pay old warrants before the money pledged first to the bank for funds advanced against the anticipated revenue.

Theresa Pewett, Pauline Royer, Celeste Hayden and Margaret Black will represent Hickman High School in the "Dr. Quizzer" program at the Fulton Theater, Fulton, on December 8.


125 Years Ago
December 8, 1889

The Nashville and Chattanooga Railroad dept was destroyed by fire yesterday morning about 9 o'clock. The fire originated in the flue in one of the reception rooms and when discovered had obtained too great headway to successfully resist without any facilities with which to fight the fire. All the office furniture, railroad tickets, books, etc. were saved.

The Methodist congregation has sold their parsonage, Judge Naylor becoming the purchaser, and we learn that the congregation will build a new parsonage in the spring.

The full returns of the late exciting election, to determine the Headquarters for Santa Claus in Hickman this year, are all in and show that J.W. Cole's bookstore has been chosen by a large majority.

Mrs. Ross Hubbard, accompanied by Miss Maggie Finch, left Tuesday for Brooksville, Fla., to visit her father and mother, Mr.




Hickman Duplicate Bridge Club

Hickman Duplicate Bridge Club winners for Tuesday, Dec. 2 were as follows: Betty Amberg and Jo Grissom, first place; and Margie Evans and Carol Howell, second place.

Dave Says...

by Dave Ramsey



Dear Dave,

My wife and I are still paying off debt, so we didn't budget anything for Christmas. How much do you think we should spend on close friends and family members?

Dan

Dear Dan,

Not having a budget for Christmas probably isn't a great idea if you want to have a happy marriage! It's really not that difficult. I don't know if there's a certain amount that works for everyone, because everybody's circumstances are different. But you must have a plan when holidays or other special occasions come along — especially when you're trying to get out of debt.

If you have kids, you certainly need to budget for them. They may not get everything they want, but there's no reason there can't be something from Santa under the tree. You also need to budget a little something for your spouse. The good thing is you can have a little fun with these gifts and make them more from the heart than the wallet.

What if you gave your wife a coupon that says you'll cook a real dinner for her and the kids once a week for the next three months? Or perhaps it's a voucher for a free back rub any time she's feeling stressed and tired. Maybe you could find a nice but inexpensive frame and put a favorite picture of the two of you inside. Things that come from the heart, or that include little acts of kindness or serving the other person, can go a long way. Those kinds of things are especially meaningful to most folks during the holiday season.

Trust me, Dan. You can have a wonderful, loving, quality Christmas without spending a lot of money. You'll have to spend a little here and there, but just make sure it's an amount that's appropriate for your financial situation. If you're making \$200,000 and trying to get out of debt, that's one thing. But if you're making \$20,000 a year and trying to get out of debt, you need to do things that are creative and don't require a lot of cash!

—Dave

Dear Dave,

My husband and I are looking at getting a second vehicle. We found one we like, and it's in great shape, but they're asking more than we can afford to pay. How do you make a low offer without making someone angry or insulting them?

Angela

Dear Angela,

It's always a smart move to try and stay on the seller's good side. You want to be classy and diplomatic, and never point out the bad things about an item someone's selling just to drive down the price. If you insult their merchandise or insinuate the price is unfair, you're likely to blow the whole deal right off the bat.

How about this? Tell them it's a fine vehicle, and their price is fair, but the amount they're asking is outside your budget. Let them know how much you want to work out a deal, but, in order for it to fit into your lifestyle, you can only pay a certain amount. You might throw in that a lot of people are selling things right now because of the economy, and you're just looking for the very best deal.

Maybe that, and letting them know you're standing there with money in hand, will help swing this thing in your favor. Good luck, Angela!

—Dave

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Photos by Charlotte Smith



COOKIES AND HOT CHOCOLATE WITH ROTARY - Hickman Rotary Club members (top, l to r) Dorothy Benford, Bill Murray, Daisy Benigno, Mindy Major, and Rob Hitesman spent time Saturday morning during the Christmas parade passing out chocolate chip cookies, hot chocolate and coffee to everyone who came by. Some of the kids who enjoyed the cookies include (at left) Noah Jones (left) and Seth Jones (right). Rotary is an international club that promotes Service Above Self. The Hickman Rotary Club meets every Thursday at noon in the Community Room of The Citizens Bank in Hickman.

The Hickman Christmas Parade years ago

Jeff Shell
Guest Columnist

I had to be 7 years old. I came from West Hickman with my momma. She 'watched' someone's kids while the mom and dad went Christmas shopping. I asked my mom if I could go see the floats lining up for the parade.

The Hickman Christmas parade was getting ready to roll. Floats of all kinds lined up at the John Deer Implement parking lot where Black's Pecan Store is now located. I was standing beside a float that had a DX gasoline sign on top of a pole and it was turning! A man crawled out from under the float and about scared the bejesus out of me. I didn't know exactly what a bejesus was, but it almost came out. He asked me if I wanted a job and raised the skirt of the float up to reveal a seat made of boards. The pole came through from above and was attached to a handle. I climbed underneath and sat in the makeshift seat. He showed me how to turn the handle at just the right speed. Not too fast. Not too slow and never stopping.

I ran back to where my mom was, got the OK and ran straight back. I got my first job! I didn't get to see the rest of the floats line up. As a matter of fact I didn't get to see the parade that year. I WAS IN IT! Well, under it. The sirens started. The police or maybe the fire trucks. Probably both. I couldn't tell because I couldn't see. I was working, under a float, turning a sign at just the right precise speed. We started to move and I started turning that handle. I judged the parade route by the movement up the hill by the school. Down the hill past, I think at the time, Anderson's Service station. We made the curves going down to Carroll St. I knew because that part of the street had brick pavement showing through in places. I remember calling them 'brickbats' being in the singular form. I never knew why they were called that but with the miracle of 'search' on the internet I know now it was a piece of brick used as a weapon from the earliest of times in conjunction

with clubs or bats, thus the term, 'brickbats'. Sometimes called a chunk or clod they were tossed in a projectile fashion toward an enemy (or friend) in a hurtful manner. I know this, having been at times on the receiving end of all the previously named.

Memory has thinned on the rest of the route. I can't remember if we made the turn toward downtown and Clinton St. or continued on. I do remember when we got to West Hickman. The West Hickman boys, being a curious sort, would raise the skirting to see what mechanics moved that DX sign so precisely. I saw the feat. I could almost tell who they were by the holes in the sneakers or the different colored shoe strings (way before they were fashionable) or in some cases, no strings at all. I heard the yelling reports back to the crowd. "It's a kid turning the sign!" "It's

that Shell boy!" I was tired. My back grew straighter though, as my name was being called. "It's Jeff Shell!!!" I had to yell at a couple of friends that wanted to come under when we had to stop. "I'm working! Go away!" Never faltering, slowing or speeding up with that perfectly precise turn of the handle.

We reached the end of the route by the station across the tracks before the levee (later becoming the school bus garage). I did not quit until the man came to get me. I crawled out. I was told I did a good job. I don't think the word awesome was invented at that time but I must have been because he handed me a Five Dollar Bill!!! In the 1960's that currency was the same as a million dollars by today's standards, in the mind of a 7 year old. ~Jeff Shell

Deed Transfers

The following Deed Transfers were recorded in the office of Fulton County Clerk Betty Abernathy Monday, Dec. 1 through Thursday, Dec. 4:

Frederick D. Robinson of Fulton, Ky. to David S. Prater, Jr. and wife Amelia A. Prater of Fulton, property in city of Fulton, value \$35,000, Dec. 1.

Ernest D. Johnson III, Trustee of the Ernest D. Johnson Revocable Trust and Ernest D. Johnson III individually of Santa Fe, NM; Kyral G. Norville and Jean J. Norville of Jackson, Tenn.; Ned Stamey and Jane R. Johnson Stamey of Morganton, NC; BBC Land Company, Inc. of Union City, Tenn.; Richard G. Ciccolella and Margaret E. Ciccolella (a/k/a Elizabeth Ciccolella of Columbia, SC; Robert L. Barron and Agnes B. Barron of Hartford, Ky.; and John S. Bacon, Jr. and Kathy Bacon of Union City to United States of America, by and through the Commodities Credit Corporation, property in Fulton County, value \$356,655, Dec. 1.

MFG223, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company of Northbrook, Ill. to Fulton

Industrial Development Authority of Fulton, Ky., property in city of Fulton, value \$22,000, Dec. 2.

Belinda Walker, widow and unmarried, individually and as Executrix for the Estate of Matthew A. Walker of Clinton, Ky.; Miranda Walker Sheffield and husband Jason Sheffield of Olive Branch, Miss.; and Paul Atkinson and wife Jill Atkinson of Mayfield, Ky. to New Life Family Worship Center Assembly of God of Fulton, property in city of Fulton, value \$60,000, Dec. 2.

George Keith Black and wife Vickie Black of Fulton to Michael Neeley of Fulton, property in Fulton County, value \$60,000, Dec. 4.

Randall R. Roney and wife Lisa Roney of Union City, Tenn. to Jamie Roney of Union City, property in city of Fulton, value \$8,000, Dec. 4.

Randall R. Roney and wife Lisa Roney of Union City to Jamie Roney of Union, property in city of Fulton, value \$8,250, Dec. 4.

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6th Annual CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Friday, Dec. 19
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.



FEATURED VETERAN - This week's featured veteran is PVT Willie C. Dean - US Army - WWII. The Hickman Chamber of Commerce has been adding veterans' photos to their display. The Carnegie Library is home to the museum, which has on display photos of many of the veterans from this area. Stop by Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. to visit it.



PERFECT SEASON – The 2014 Union City Youth Athletic Association-Under 10 undefeated 1st place Soccer Champions, with a record of 14-0 season. Team members include, front row from left, Pacey Gammons, Nathan Murphy, Jordan Pirtle, Hector Corona, Tobey Gammons, Macie Atkins, and Joseph Lattus; back row, Elizabeth Lattus, Katie Lownsdale, Emily Brown, and Trinity Wetzel. Coaches were Ben and Angie Lattus and sponsors were Cardwell Farms and Penny Hill.



Senior Spirit

By Charlotte Smith

Zito Media adds internet capacity and high definition video in Hickman

Hickman, KY – Zito Media recently announced the installation of a new fiber circuit connecting Hickman, KY to its national backbone network. This new circuit increased the capacity of Zito's internet service by more than 1000% and enabled the launch of 80 High Definition Digital Cable Channels.

"We are extremely pleased to connect Hickman to our national backbone and improve the quality of our High Speed Data and HD Video products," said Dave Smoulder, Zito Media's VP of Residential Sales and Marketing. "We are now able to deliver services to Hickman that are comparable to those offered to residents in much larger urban markets."

Zito also indicated they are in the process of installing a new Docsis 3.0 Cable Modem Termination System (CMTS) in its Hickman system. A CMTS is the equipment that is installed in a cable operator's headend that enables the communication over the operators Hybrid Fiber Coaxial Cable network between the cable modems that are deployed in customer's homes and the internet circuits that are delivered to the headend.

The new Docsis 3.0 CMTS, which is expected to be installed in the coming weeks, will enable Zito Media to offer its customers High Speed Internet tiers with speeds up to 65 Mbps. Once the installation is completed, Zito plans to offer customers the choice of three levels of Internet Service. Its standard High Speed internet will deliver speeds up to 10 Mbps, Super Speed Internet will offer speeds up to 30 Mbps

and the new Ultra Speed Internet will enable speeds up to 65 Mbps. "We understand that in the past our product offering in Hickman has not been the strongest, but we have made considerable investments to now deliver state of the art High Speed Internet and Video Services and hope that customers will appreciate the commitment we have made to Hickman and give our improved services a try," added Smoulder. Zito Media offers High Definition Digital Cable, High Speed Internet and Digital Voice Service to 200,000 homes throughout rural markets in AL, CA, ID, IL, KS, KY, MO, NC, NE, OH, PA, TN, TX, VA, WV, and WA. For more information on Zito Media, visit www.zitomedia.com.

November 2014 was one of the coldest November's on record, with the average high at 51.4 degrees and the average low at 32.5. The coldest day was Tuesday, Nov. 18, when it dropped to 17.9 degrees.

Taking preventive action is your best defense against having to deal with extreme cold-weather conditions. By preparing your home and car in advance for winter emergencies, and by observing safety precautions during times of extremely cold weather, you can reduce the risk of weather-related health problems.

A common winter health problem is hypothermia, a condition marked by a very low body temperature, usually caused by being in the cold (indoors or outdoors) too long. The American Geriatric Society Foundation for Health in Aging explains that since older adults have slower metabolisms, they tend to produce less body heat. In addition, because of the way the body changes with age, it's difficult for them to tell when temperatures are too low. That's why it's important for seniors to know how to stay warm outside as well as inside their house or apartment.

When going outside, seniors are encouraged to:

- Dress in layers of loose-fitting, lightweight clothing under their coat. This can keep warm air between the layers of clothing.
- Use mittens instead of gloves. Mittens allow fingers to touch each other and generate warmth.
- Wear a hat. Between 30 and 50 percent of body heat loss occurs through the head. A scarf covering the mouth and nose can protect the lungs.

For warmth indoors, the National Institute on Aging recommends:

- Closing blinds and curtains

to prevent heat loss from your home. Weather stripping or caulking around the windows can keep cold air out.

- Keeping your thermostat set to 68 to 70 degrees.

Eating enough food to keep your weight up and to keep heat inside your body.

Cold weather often equates to snow and ice; conditions that can increase a senior's chances of falling.

"Falls threaten what seniors value the most – their independence," says Scott Perry, president of Bankers Life and Casualty Company, a national life and health insurer that focuses on serving the retirement needs of the middle market. A study sponsored by Bankers Life and Casualty showed that while the overall top fear of aging was Alzheimer's disease, more than half the respondents worried over losing their physical abilities as they aged. Women in particular had a much higher fear of falling than men.

Experts warn against the danger of winter falls by encouraging seniors to:

- Wear non-skid boots.
- Pay attention to the walking surface by looking down only with your eyes.

Bowing your head forward could cause a loss of balance.

- Keep sidewalks clear and apply salt or sand to icy patches. (Ask a neighbor or relative to help.)

Replace rubber tips on canes and other medical equipment well before they're worn so they don't become slippery when wet.

Weekly activities at the Senior Center include Tuesday, Dec. 16: 10:30 – Jim Legg – Chinese exercise; Wednesday, Dec. 17: 10:00 – Christmas party – finger foods, Christmas cares and 11:30 – Dirty Santa; Thursday, Dec. 18 – Sassafras Ridge – Devotion and singing; Friday, Dec. 19 – 11:30

– Bingo.

Bingo is played every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of each week (25¢ a card) on these days immediately following lunch, at approximately 11:30.

Bingo winners last week included Monday, Dec. 1: Mary Lou Curlin, Helen Drewry, Bob White, and coverall Mary Lou Curlin; Wednesday, Dec. 3: Mary Lou Curlin, Julia Davis, Suzanne Hurley, and coverall Ellie Foster; Friday, Dec. 5: Lana Edwards, Suzanne Hurley, Bob White, and coverall Lana Edwards.

Rook winners last week were Shirley Shaw, Julia Davis, Robert White, Helen Drewry, Lana Edwards, Josephine Warren, Vonciel Leyhue, and Judy Milner.

The following items will be served at the Senior Center next week:

Monday, Dec. 15

Beef pot roast, mashed potatoes with gravy, squash and tomato casserole, whole-wheat roll, pears with raisins, and skim milk.

Tuesday, Dec. 16

Turkey tetrazzini, layered green salad, bran muffin, caramel apples, peanuts, and skim milk.

Wednesday, Dec. 17

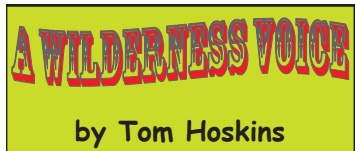
Hamburger on bun, tomato, lettuce, onion, pork and beans, baked potato, banana, and skim milk.

Thursday, Dec. 18

Italian baked chicken, pasta salad, whole-wheat roll, peas, peaches, and skim milk.

Friday, Dec. 19

Beef vegetable soup, egg salad sandwich, saltine crackers, frozen fruit salad, raisins, peanuts, and skim milk.



CHRISTMAS TIME

Kids love it and so do merchants. There are varied thoughts that surround Christmas. Some believe it is a time for revelry, partying, and drinking. Others believe it is primarily a time for feasting, having dinners and entertaining. A large segment see Christmas in dollars and cents. They see it as a time for financial opportunity, a time measured in monetary advancement. Many companies or businesses receive as much as seventy percent of annual income during the days of Christmas.

These are not actually what Christmas is about or what it represents. First, beyond the advent of a Savior, Jesus Christ, Christmas, I believe, is about family. When Jesus was born the family was present. Joseph and Mary, his espoused wife, had journeyed to Bethlehem to be taxed. There on that first Christmas amidst the animals they celebrated the first Christmas in virtual poverty.

Growing up on the farm in the thirties and forties we had little but clothes on our backs and food on the table (literally). But at Christmas time we were all together as a family. That is what I remember. A cake, some fruit and candy, which were not our common fare, and perhaps a new piece of clothing made up the usual extras at Christmas. We listened to a few Christmas songs on the radio. Brother and I searched the fencerows on the farm for a small cedar tree that we strung with popcorn. But the main thing, we were together. Those were some of the best Christmases that I remember.



The Hickman Courier wishes all these good folks a very happy birthday! Help make their days more special by remembering them with a card or a phone call.

December 15 – Pat Turnbow, Ellen Whitten, Michelle Henry Allen, Ashlee Stafford, Richard Holloway, Candy Bloodworth, and Kathy Radivonyk.

December 16 – Mona Gaskins, Helen Bowlin, Sammy Higgins, and Freddie Liliker.

December 17 – Terry N. Cashion, Vanessa Rochelle Eddlemon, and Dianne French.

December 18 – Robin Harrison, Floyd Keith, Jr., Diane Fletcher Curlin, Rhonda

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December 19 – Rhonda Everett, Paul E. Duncan, Hal Greer, Jerry Newman, Howard "Hap" Wilson, Jacob Henderson, Mandy Johnson, and Kenny Love.

December 20 – Kristen Moss, Harold Carr, Laurenda Lee Haban, and Phillip Amberg.

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Obituaries

LaVan McClure

LaVan McClure, 74, a resident of Gilbertsville, Ky., formerly of Hickman, Ky., died December 3, 2014 at his home.

Born March 12, 1940 in Hickman, he was the son of the late Virgil and Elsie (Spencer) McClure. He was a retired Boilermaker and of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include one son, Scott McClure of Valparaiso, Ind.; one daughter, Kelly

McClure of Lake Station, Ind.; one sister, Adelle Chase of Indiana; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Several brothers and sisters preceded him in death.

Services were held December 7, at Strong Funeral Home in Hickman, with Rev. Randy McClure officiating. Burial followed in the Brownville Cemetery near Hickman.

Samuel E. (Sam) Holly

Mr. Samuel E. “Sam” Holly, 100, a resident of Fulton, Ky., died December 6, 2014 at the Parkway Regional Hospital in Fulton.

Born November 1, 1914, he was the son of the late Lon B. and Ella Lee (Bumes) Holly. He was a member of Cayce United Methodist Church and was a manager of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, where he served as the Fulton County Executive Director for 32 years retiring in 1976. He was a member of the American Legion for 68 years, past member of Methodist Conference Boards, retired Civil Service, National Association of Federal Retired Employees and Board of Directors with the Kentucky Association of Federal

Employees. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy having served in WWII and also served in construction with both the U.S. Navy Seabees and also U.S. Marines. He had lived all of his life in Fulton and Hickman counties, Ky.

Survivors include one son Wendell Holly of Fulton, Ky.; one daughter, Dianna (Robert) Nerren of Hickman, Ky.; four grandchildren, Joy White of Southaven, Miss., Renee Grogan of Cayce, Ky., Holly Terrett Alsbrook of Memphis, Tenn., Bob Nerren of Fulton, Ky.; seven great grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren; and one sister, Mable Holdman of Union City, Tenn.

His wife, Doris Wright Holly, one daughter, Roberta Terrett, one granddaughter, Elizabeth Raines, and one sister, Mayme Vick Cruce, preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held December 8, at the Cayce United Methodist Church. Burial followed in the Cayce Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Cayce Cemetery Fund, c/o Larry Gardner, 103 St. Rt. 94 W., Fulton, KY 42041.

Hornbeak Funeral Home of Fulton was in charge of arrangements.

Russell Hickman, 75, a resident of Troy, Tenn., died December 5, 2014, at his home.

Born July 19, 1939, he was the son of the late William Roy and Mary Elizabeth (Killebrew) Hickman. He was retired from Bungee Grain after more than 25 years of service. He was a U.S. Army veteran.

Survivors include one son, Jason Hickman of Paducah, Ky.; two sisters, Frances Thomas and

Russell Hickman

Helen Edwards, both of Union City, Tenn.; several nieces and nephews; and a friend, Lucy Graham of Troy.

Three brothers, Jerry Hickman, Buddy Hickman, and Paul Edward Hickman, and two sisters, Alma Isbell and Gladys McClure, preceded him in death.

Services were held December 7, at White-Ranson Funeral Home in Union City, with Rev. Henry Callison officiating. Burial followed in Hickman City Cemetery.

Hickman Police Department News

The Hickman Police Department reports these arrests, citations, investigations and fire calls for Hickman and Cayce Volunteer Fire Departments for Sunday, Nov. 30 – Saturday, Dec. 6:

- Sunday, Nov. 30:
- Traffic stop on Union City Hwy.
- Traffic stop on Moscow Ave.
- Responded to a loud music complaint on 7th St.
- Traffic stop on Terrace St.
- Traffic stop on Tommy Joe Ln.
- Responded to a call at Indian Hills.
- Monday, Dec. 1:
- Responded to a call on Harrison St.
- Responded to a call at the police department.
- Responded to a call at the school.
- Responded to a commercial alarm on Troy Ave.
- Traffic stop at Little General.
- Tuesday, Dec. 2:
- Responded to a call on Allison St.
- Traffic stop on Moscow Ave.
- Traffic stop on Union City Hwy.
- Responded to a gas drive off at Little General.
- Responded to a call at Davis Park.
- Followed up on gas drive

off.

- Traffic stop on Troy Ave.
- Traffic stop on Broadway St.
- Traffic stop on E. Carroll St.
- Traffic stop on Moscow Ave.
- Traffic stop on Kentucky Ave.
- Traffic stop on Moulton St.
- Traffic stop on Liberty St.
- Traffic stop on 7th St.
- Traffic stop on Magnolia St.
- Wednesday, Dec. 3:
- Responded to a call at the police department.
- Responded to a 911 Hang Up on Hall St.
- Thursday, Dec. 4:
- Traffic stop on Moscow Ave.
- Friday, Dec. 5:
- Responded to a call on 10th St.
- Responded to a call at Holly Ct.
- Followed up on call on 10th St.
- Saturday, Dec. 6:
- Responded to a call on Eden St. – report taken for disorderly conduct.
- Responded to aloud music complaint on Cedar St.
- Responded to a gas drive off at Little General.
- Responded to an animal complaint on Bernal Ave.
- Responded to an animal complaint on Carroll St.

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Fulton Co. Sheriff's Department News

The Fulton County Sheriff's Department reports these arrests and citations for Friday, Nov. 28 through Monday, Nov. 17:

- Friday, Nov. 28:
- Marquan J. Williams of Fort Hood, Texas, black male, citation, speeding 78/55 mph zone; failure of owner to maintain required insurance, 1st offense.
- Darrius D. Freeman of Hickman, black male, arrested, operating on suspended or revoked operator's license, and no other state registration receipt.
- James Mays, Jr., of Henderson, Ky., black male, citation, speeding 73/55 mph zone.
- Tuesday, Dec. 2:
- Mark A. Davison of Fulton, Ky., black male, arrested, failure to appear/failure to pay.
- Antoine R. Gaston of Hickman, Ky., black male, arrested, contempt of court.
- Wednesday, Dec. 3:
- Kecia Collier of Fulton, Ky., white female, arrested, failure to appear, criminal possession of forged instrument 2nd degree.
- Kecia Collier of Fulton, white female, arrested, criminal possession of forged instrument 2nd counts, Grand Jury indictment.
- Benjamin H. Johnson of Paducah, Ky., white male, citations, speeding 74/55 mph zone.
- Robert L. Hardy of Fulton, white male, citation, speeding 70/55 mph zone.
- Thursday, Dec. 4:
- Erik G. Gardner of Hickman, Ky., black male, arrested, flagrant non-support, persistent felony offender 1st – Grand Jury indictment.
- Erik G. Gardner of Fulton, black male, arrested, bench warrant failure to pay; bench warrant probation violation.
- Rachel Crabtree of South Fulton, Tenn., white female, citation, speeding 85/70 mph zone.
- Daryl W. Kingsbury of Olathe, Kan., white male, citation, speeding 74/55 mph zone.
- Friday, Dec. 5:

- Christina M. Corrigan of Hickman, white female, citation, speeding 75/55 mph zone, failure of owner to maintain required insurance, 1st offense.
- Sammy E. Montgomery of Union City, Tenn., black male, citation, speeding 81/55 mph zone.
- Johnny Stutts of Hickman, white male, arrested, failure to appear.
- Jamie M. Williams of Hickman, white male, arrested, possession of marijuana, drug paraphernalia – buy/possess, cultivate in marijuana (5 plants or more) 1st offense.
- Ashley M. Cox of Palm Bay, Fla., white female, arrested, possession of marijuana, drug paraphernalia – buy/possess, cultivate in marijuana (5 plants or more) 1st offense.
- Brooklyn L. Gaylord of Blairsville, Ga., white female, arrested, possession of marijuana, drug paraphernalia – buy/possess, cultivate in marijuana (5 plants or more) 1st offense.

Saturday, Dec. 6:

- Melissa L. Decker of Louisville, Ky., white female, citation, speeding 100/70 mph zone.
- Eva Glisson of Mayfield, Ky., white female, arrested, driving on suspended license.

Sunday, Dec. 7:

- Curtis J. Henry of Obion, Tenn., white male, arrested, operating motor vehicle under influence alcohol/drugs/etc. .08 (agg. circum) 1st offense, possession of open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle prohibited, failure of owner to maintain required insurance, 1st offense.

Sunday, Dec. 8:

- Johnita Gable of Covington, Ky., black female, arrested, fugitive from justice.

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF HICKMAN, KENTUCKY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That Ordinance 454.76 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Hickman, Kentucky shall be amended to read as follows:

Article 454.76 IS hereby AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

Section 4.76: WHEN PERMITTED. The following shall apply:

Section 4.76(a): A licensee for distilled spirits, wine or malt beverages by the drink shall be permitted to sell or dispense distilled spirits, wine and/or malt beverages between the hours of 6:00 8:00 a.m. on each day of the week and until 12:00 a.m. (midnight). Except there shall be no sales under this Section on Sunday.

Section 4.76(b): Retail package distilled spirits and wine sales and package malt beverage sales shall be permitted from 6:00 8:00 a.m. until (midnight) each day of the week, except no Sunday sales.

Section 4.76(c): Retail alcohol sales shall be permitted from 6:00 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 a.m. (midnight) on election days. This shall include the hours during which the polls are open on any regular, primary, school or special election day.

Section 4.76(d): The licensee may sell and dispense alcoholic beverages on New Year's Eve until 2:00 a.m. on January 1, except no Sunday sales. These regulations are contingent upon the licensee having obtained the appropriate licenses from both the City and State ABC Boards.

Section 4.76(e)(d): A licensee shall not sell, give away, or deliver any alcoholic beverage or permit any alcoholic beverage to be sold, given away, or delivered on the licensed premises during non-permitted hours for sale and delivery. A licensee shall not permit the consumption of alcoholic beverages on the licenses premises for a period of more than thirty (30) minutes after the hour it is to close for business or to stop selling and delivering alcoholic beverages.

Section 4.75(f)(e): All times mentioned in this section are to be determined using the time zone of the locality (i.e., Central Standard Time).

Section 2. All ordinances in conflict herewith are to the extent of such conflict hereby repealed.

Section 3. The provisions hereof are severable. Should any section or part of this ordinance be invalid such invalidity shall not affect the remaining portions hereof.

Section 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect after it's second reading and publication as provided by law.

Given first reading the 10th day of November 2014.

Given second reading the 8th day of December 2014.

David Lattus
Mayor
City of Hickman, Kentucky

ATTEST:
Donna Haney
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Howell Cancer Free

Hospital in Memphis, Tenn., on January 12, 2014.

The initial chest x-ray and a follow up CT scan revealed what the onsetting symptoms of this sneaky, slow-growing cancer that almost resembles a chronic disease were telling them. Mary Browder had Hodgkin lymphoma.

Fortunately, that winter St. Jude had just begun a new clinical trial under the direction of Dr. Monika Metzger, MD, for children with Hodgkin lymphoma and Mary Browder was an ideal candidate.

"We jumped at the chance for this treatment because of our concern with radiation," added father, Jason. "It had the potential to save our daughter from a lot of the side affects that she could experience later in life." It meant no radiation aimed right at her chest. This new treatment also eliminated the pain-causing vincristine.

A week later, instead of in class learning with her classmates at school in Murray, Mary Browder had a PICC line inserted. PICC line is short for peripherally inserted central catheter. "The PICC line was in my arm, which also went to my heart," she explained. "This restricted me from participating in gymnastics and swimming." It also required her to have it flushed out every night to keep infection away.

Treatment periods last approximately one to five days with time in between, allowing Mary Browder to continue to go to class as much as possible. "I did, however, have to wear a mask and I couldn't go if my white blood cell counts were too low," added the articulate young lady.

Another negative side effect, even though it wasn't negative to Mary Browder was the loss of her hair in February. "I thought it was a fun side effect," she said, embracing it instead of letting it get her down. "I was allowed to wear hats in school when no one else could."

Grandparents Glenn Nolan and Carol Howell of Fulton County, Ky., and Danny and Carol Maley of Douglas, Ga., helped Renee and Jason out with Mary Browder's younger siblings Madeline, 9, and Owen, 6. Trying to maintain life as normal as possible for not only Madeline and Owen, but for everyone for Mary Browder's sake.

It seems though that Mary Browder was doing that for all of them. "We were in San Antonio at a Farm Bureau meeting when we got the devastating news," said grandfather Glenn Nolan. "You think of the worst things that could happen, but then you see Mary Browder go through that clinical trial and how well it worked for her. The clinical trial and lots and lots of prayers uplifted us."

Carol agreed, but says she sees the glass as half full. "I never had any doubt and kept the faith that Mary Browder would be okay,"

she said. "I just didn't want to see her go through this. I have seen many of my friends go through it and seen what it did to them both physically and mentally, but it didn't effect Mary Browder that way."

Glenn Nolan and Carol were amazed to see a smile on her face, even during chemo. "She made it easier on everyone," added Carol. "Even when she had a nose bleed (a side effect) during dinner in a restaurant. She just got up, went to the bathroom, and took care of it. She was also so positive."

Meanwhile, the days continued to fly off the calendar and instead of spending spring break in South Georgia, Mary Browder went to Chattanooga to hang out with her cousins. "We had to stay closer to home because of my treatment schedule and to get my blood drawn," Mary Browder noted. "When everyone went to the children's museum, I couldn't go because there were too many people." Mary Browder had to minimize her chances of getting sick.

Those minor inconveniences were worth it for the Howell family as they gradually watched their daughter's energy level increase. "Yes, she was taking steroids," said Jason, "but she was still regaining the energy level she once had."

One event that comes to Jason's mind when he looks back at the fall of 2013 and makes him feel guilty now is when he thought she was just being lazy when in fact the early warning signs of her disease were starting to shed its light. "I rode her the fall before all this about being lazy," he said. "We just didn't realize what we were seeing at the time."

With no serious illnesses in Mary Browder's life until then, cancer just wasn't at the forefront of their thinking.

Through the spring, Mary Browder was able to attend all her morning Core classes and never missed a single ballet class rehearsal. The Howells attribute the success of the new clinical trial of Dr. Metzgar's and the treatment at St. Jude for Mary Browder's success.

Missing her contact with her closest friends was one side effect the new treatment plan couldn't account for, but Mary Browder's teacher, Mr. Jon Bell, helped out with that. "He allowed students in her class to do a kid blog during his class time so they could communicate with Mary Browder," explained Renee. "This helped with her loneliness. It also helped keep her spirits up."

Another teacher at Murray Middle School, Mrs. Jackie Robinson let Mary Browder face-time with her class and sent messages and pictures while they were at St. Jude.

Mary Browder spent her 11th birthday at St. Jude. Might not seem like the ideal location for a birthday party, but it was pretty cool for Mary Browder. "I was

there for a check up but I also got to spend time with Michael Ohr (from the movie "The Blind Side") and some of the Tennessee Titan cheerleaders who were at St. Jude promoting Play 60."

Things were going so well for Mary Browder, that she was able to compete in Odyssey of the Minds NO S, at the regional and state levels, but also the world level. "I went from my treatment in Memphis directly to the competition in Somerset the next day," she said. "I even got to go to summer camp." Mary Browder's last chemo treatment was on May 27 and the PICC line was removed on May 29 before she left for World Finals in Odyssey of the Mind in Ames, Iowa.

It seems, Mary Browder was taking, not only her diagnose, but also her treatments and life in stride, handling it in her own unique way. "I explained to her that she could let her cancer define her or she could define it," said Jason. "She jumped at the chance of handling it her own positive way."

"I guess I got kind of lucky," she said. "The new treatment plan I was offered didn't have as many side effects," Mary Browder stated. "There was no vomiting, but I did feel nauseated at times. Only during the first few weeks of chemo did I lose my appetite and not feel well, but I regained my appetite pretty quickly."

A blood clot did develop around the PICC line, resulting in Mary Browder requiring two shots in her stomach every day. She ended up giving herself the shots herself.

As the leaves were once again falling, Mary Browder, who had regained her zest for life was stumping the St. Jude nurses with all types of questions, talking with them about Greek mythology and doing radio interviews.

In the middle of October, Mary Browder could be heard through the radio waves on 103.7 (Froggy 103) during their annual St. Jude radiothon. Each year the station raises money for St. Jude and Mary Browder and Jason were guests one morning talking about their experience and encouraging listeners to donate to St. Jude.

With Christmas 2014 upon us, Mary Browder is cancer free and actively supporting St. Jude as a spokesperson. "After all this experience she has become more outspoken and confident," added Renee. "She was asked to share her thoughts, feelings and experiences with others." St. Jude asked Mary Browder to represent them because she has been able to go through the entire healing process without, in essence, missing a beat.

In Jason's mind it is all possible because of the cohesive job of patient care that Dr. Metzgar and St. Jude offered to his daughter. But also because of his wife's persistence in finding out just what was going on with their daughter. "All of it has been a

God send," he said. "Timing is everything. There is never a good time for your child to have cancer, but my wife and this new clinical trial helped."

Yes, the Howells will be celebrating this Christmas practically the same way they have spent every other Christmas with family, but this time they have a healthy and happy child.

"I am most thankful for not feeling sick anymore," said Mary Browder. "I will be spending Christmas with my friends and family in South Georgia." For a while, the Howells couldn't travel too far from home because of the timing of Mary Browder's treatment schedule.

From a parent's perspective, Renee is extremely grateful that Mary Browder is now healthy. "After what we have gone through in the last twelve months, I am thankful that we have three healthy children," she said.

For Jason, he got his Christmas present 11 months early. "Mary Browder going through that clinical trial was our Christmas present," he said. "We just got it 11 months early. The way they helped us and Mary Browder through her treatment, was truly special."

"It was definitely a miracle," added Glenn Nolan. "It has taught me not to put off anything. So Carol and I have decided to take Jason, Renee and all the grandkids on a Disney cruise."

"This is something we talked about doing, but hadn't done it yet," added Carol. "It makes you realize when you have something like this happen to you that you thought would never happen to act now. We feel so fortunate that Mary Browder has come through this so well."

Glenn Nolan and Carol couldn't say enough things about Jason and Renee's new hometown of Murray and the schools there.

"They did so much to help make sure that everything that anyone could do to help Mary Browder was done," said Carol.

"That goes for St. Jude, too," Glenn Nolan said. "They did so much for Mary Browder."

With all that said, it seems that the person who is mostly responsible for Mary Browder's complete recovery, is Mary Browder. Through it all, no matter what was going on, she made sure her attitude remained positive. She wore a smile through the chemo treatments. She embraced the slogan "Bald is beautiful." Mary Browder was the one who knew that there were and still are limitless possibilities in her life and was too busy to let cancer get the best of her.

During the last 12 months, she lived life to the fullest, each and every day and this Christmas and each Christmas from now on, Mary Browder will share her zest for life with her family, friends and everyone she comes in contact with.



SECOND GRADE WINNERS – Placing in the science fair in second grade were (l to r) Hannah Murphy, second place; Landon Cole, first place; and tying for third place were Claire Watts and Jackson Major.



WINNING ENTRIES IN SIXTH GRADE - Science fair winning entries in the sixth grade include (l to r) Camron Price, second place; Will Jackson, first place; Alyssa Hicks, second place; and JaMya Clay, third place (not pictured).



WINNING EXHIBITS IN THIRD GRADE – Winning science fair projects in third grade went to (l to r) Connor O'Malley and Logan Griffith, second place; Daniel Collins and Hannah Varden, tied for first place; and Makenna Kilpatrick, third place.



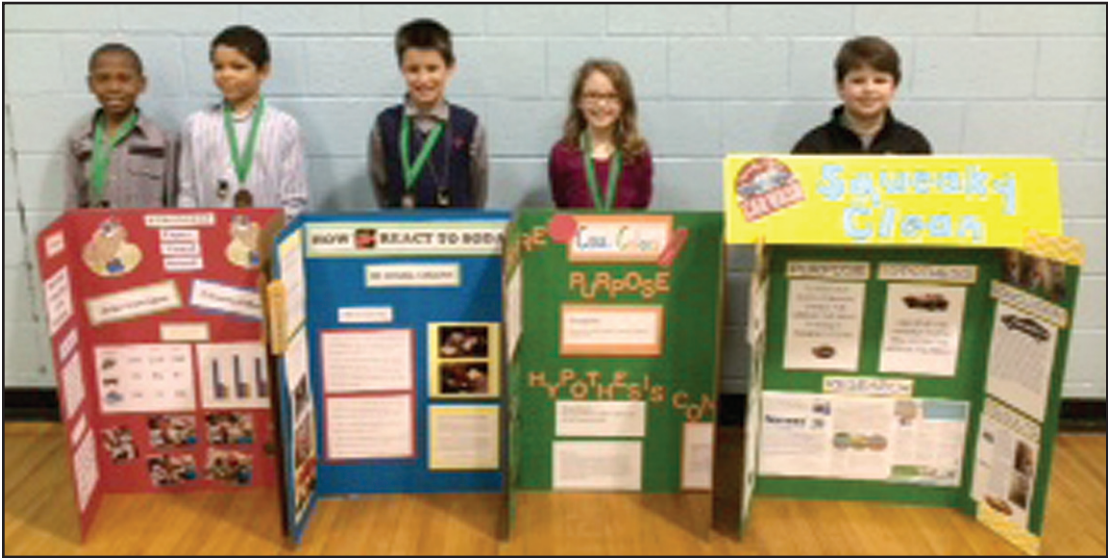
WINNING SCIENCE PROJECTS - Fourth graders who placed in the science fair on Tuesday, Nov. 25 include (l to r) Ulysses Odoms and Zeke Corrigan, second place; Luke Jackson, first place; and a tie between Wesley Brown and Calix Coulson and Tristin Morris for third place



SEVENTH GRADE WINNING ENTRIES – Entries placing in the science fair in seventh grade were (l to r) Cayce Jones, second place; Marlena Sipes, first place; and Aurora Piercefield, third place.



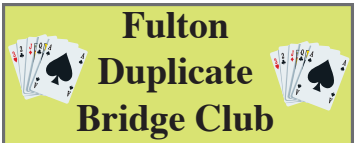
TOPS IN FIFTH GRADE - These fifth graders placed in the science fair last week. They include (l to r) Maddy Morrison and DeAyria Kinney, second place; Virginia Varden, first place; and Yaqueline Barrientos, Amanda Newton and Taylor Everett, third place.



OVERALL INTERMEDIATE SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS - Creating science fair projects with overall intermediate status include (l to r) Ulysses Odoms and Zeke Corrigan, third place; Daniel Collins and Hannah Varden, tied for first place; and Luke Jackson, second place. (See more science fair winners next week.)



FIRST GRADE WINNER – Winning first place in the science fair for first grade was Rylee Newton.



Fulton Duplicate Bridge Club winners for Monday, Dec. 8 were as follows: Flight A – Linda McDade and Pam Fee, first place; and Betty Amberg and Freddy Oliver, second place. Flight B – Bertha Henry and Margie Cannon, first place; and Kathy Wilson and Richard Thompson, second place.

Assistance Available for Area Veterans

Veterans and their families will be provided counseling and assistance in filing claims for state and federal benefits. This is a free service provided by the state of Kentucky. For more information please contact Ron McClure, Regional Field Representative, Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs (KDVA). Mr. McClure's schedule: Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, Dec. 11, 16, and 17, 9:00 - 2:30, Mayfield, VA Clinic, 1253 Paris Rd., by appointment, walk-ins will be scheduled an appointment. Visit the Clinic, email ronald.mcclure@ky.gov or phone 270-247-2455 extension 73905 to schedule an appointment; Friday and Monday, Dec. 12 and 15, not available.

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Bluff Briefs

Basic Computer Class at e-Learning Center in Hickman

The Fulton County Adult Education program is sponsoring a free Basic Computer Class at the e-Learning Center in Hickman at the Fulton County Office Building. The classes will be held on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Call Melody Darnell at 270-472-2373 to sign up or for more information.

Band Winter Concert

There will be a Band Winter Concert on Sunday, Dec. 14 at 2 p.m. on the gymnasium stage of Fulton County Elementary/Middle School. The community and parents are welcome to attend.

"Grooge's Christmas" Play

First United Methodist Church Hickman is presenting "Grooge's Christmas," a humorous and witty spoof of the classic "A Christmas Carol." Please join them as the "three angels" present the entire salvation plan to Mr. Grooge. First UMC invites the community and area local churches and clubs to attend the program on Thursday, Dec. 18 at 7 p.m. You'll enjoy seeing some of the community's finest in acting form!

FCHS Class of 1965 planning Class Reunion

The senior class of 1965 of FCHS wants to celebrate our 50-year journey! Please call Freda Klutts Caldwell at 270-236-2471. We can prepare a better event series with your participation!

Christmas Candlelight Service

Bells Chapel C.M.E. Church, located at 207 North Highland Drive, Fulton, Ky, will have their Christmas Candlelight Service Sunday, Dec. 14, at 3 p.m. Guest speaker will be Min. Gary Pettus of Bethel Berry Baptist Church in Hopkinsville, Ky.

Commodities to be distributed

The Ken-Tenn Foodbank will be distributing commodities to Fulton County Seniors {CSFP} living in poverty Friday, Dec. 12, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., at the foodbank in Fulton. Distribution to Fulton County households living in poverty {TEFAP} will be made Friday, Dec. 19, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. from the foodbank in Fulton. Poverty is defined as having income of less than \$1265 per month or \$294 per wk. Note that this is one week earlier than usual a/c the Christmas holiday.



EARNING SCIENCE FAIR RECOGNITION – Those placing in the science fair in eighth grade include (l to r) Jake Mayo, first place and Daniel Tacker, second place.



Sports In Kentucky For the Hickman Courier By Bob Watkins

The Man. Tribute to central character in Kentucky's perfect season so far, Willie Cauley-Stein, calls for context.

When WCS signed with Kentucky there was more Willie Who? than McDonald's ballyhoo. No press conference at Olathe Northwest High School in Olathe, Kansas, and no schmaltzy put-on-college-cap prima donna moment.

High school ratings experts(?) hurriedly labeled Cauley-Stein a basketball project who was a 7-foot wide receiver with 57 passes caught and 14 touchdowns scored his senior year.

Year I at Kentucky: Part flake, Part Cool Willie (black rimmed glasses, lopsided bleach blond hair and head band), he was relief for Nerlens Noel. WCS could block shots, but couldn't throw a free throw off the bridge at Clay's Ferry into the Kentucky River.

Year II: WCS was enjoying college, would stay in Lexington, he said. This, while his coaches recruited over him (Julius Randle, Dakari Johnson, then Karl Anthony-Towns).

Year III: Nine wins in, Kentucky's three-year-college-man is *The Man*.

While his coach characteristically takes the bows and issues one-liners, WCS's team is like one not seen here in half a century. In 1965 Rupp's Runts steamrolled nine pre-SEC foes, added 14 more wins in-a-row. They did it with the qualities that define Cauley-Stein – work, work, teamness, patience, seize opportunity.

Year III Extended: Cauley-Stein, *The Man*, is the heart of a No. 1 ranked team because, beyond the obvious – attitude, expand skills, stamina and staying power – his maturity and patience have flowered into a coach's dream

guy, selfless leader-by-example.

Bottom line? Come June, Cauley-Stein will be, if not a college graduate, then close. Then he projects to be hottest name in the NBA lottery. What *The Man* can take to the bank, along with his first six-digit check from professional basketball, is this: "Education is a social process. Education is growth. Education is, not a preparation for life; education is life itself."

I believe Willie Cauley-Stein understands the words of John Dewey, American philosopher.

NOW, FOR CAROLINA

Why Kentucky is top ranked in college hoops 10 games in? In sports parlance "it sure ain't the shootin'", but it is a sure thing – defense."

Best in the nation, defense is relentlessly and in waves."

Of UK's first 10 victims, Texas shot best, 29.8 percent.

Next to the altar, North Carolina.

Once believed to be squeaky clean, Tar Heels Hoops Inc. is an embattled program under NCAA investigation for major rules violations. The Heels come to Lexington this week and deserves, well, to "have the tar beat out of 'em."

Carolina is for Kentucky Step Three in a five point march. After Carolina, UCLA is Step 4, then on to December 27 at Yum Center.

A Commonwealth's Super Bowl.

LOUISVILLE

Eight games in, Rick Pitino's Cardinals (ranked 27 RPI, 129th strength-of-schedule) played somebody-to-build-on last week. Ohio State at Yum Center was perfect – high profile program in rebuild mode in front of a full house.

To date, UofL's offense, 44 percent is adequate when coupled with a defense growing from very good to fearsome. Opponents are shooting 31.2 percent.

An eye on December 27's Super Bowl, the drama thickens – Kentucky (ranked 2 RPI) allows opponents less than 30 percent, best in the land, while the Wildcats shooters can't shoot straight. Yet.

Christmas aside, UK and UofL statisticals make for lively conversation at the local cafe.

PLAYER OF YEAR SINDELAR

When Caldwell County High quarterback Elijah Sindelar was named Gatorade Player of the Year for Kentucky last week the criteria that earned him the honor is perfect for choosing Mr. Football 2014.

Statistically, Sindelar passed for a state-best 3,600-plus yards, 49 touchdowns, and just four interceptions. Here's the best part: The Purdue-bound senior has a 4.0 grade point average; he tutors other students; and belongs to the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

PARTING SHOT

Dick Vitale has been on the air for ESPN for three decades. An internet story last week was headlined: Dick Vitale, 75, Says He Wants To Continue To Call CBB Games Until He's At Least 100 Years Old.

And so it goes.

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Fulton County Schools has received approval from the Kentucky Board of Education for a general fund tax levy of 46.8 cents on real property and 46.8 cents on personal property. The motor vehicle tax rate is 55.7 cents, and the utility tax rate is 3.0 percent, which also applies to cable services. Non-commercial aircraft and watercraft are exempted.



LOOSE BALL - Fulton County's Jocelyn Mosley, #55, looks to scoop up the loose ball as teammates Jekiya Warren, AnnaGregory Grissom, and Lucy Kimble look to assist against Lady Rebel Bryleigh Jennings with teammate Parker Albright looking on. The two teams faced off on Friday, Dec. 5 in Troy, Tenn. with the Lady Rebels coming out on top 55-16.



LOOSE BALL - Jr. Pilots Greyson Grissom (center) and Tyler Love (right) vying against an opponent from the Christian Fellowship Eagle's team for a loose ball on Thursday, Dec. 4.




BIRTHDAY BOY TAKES A SHOT - Broc Bridges makes a shot to put the Jr. Pilots, junior varsity team, ahead in the third quarter on Thursday, Dec. 4 at Christian Fellowship.



Photos courtesy of Denise Grissom

AFTER THE STEAL - After stealing the ball Fulton County Jr. Pilot Deivyn Turner heads down court with a Christian Fellowship Eagle coming up behind him. The two teams faced off on Thursday, Dec. 4.



BOOSTER HONOR - Pilot athletes Lucy Kimble (left) and Steven Roberson (right) have been named the Fulton County Booster Club's "Athletes of the Week" for their recent play in fall sports.

Kimble is a Senior and a member of the high school girls basketball team. Roberson is a senior and a member high school boys basketball team.




Photo by Barbara Atwill

Congratulations

Lady Pilots fall at Obion County, look to rebound against Trenton Peabody

Charlotte Smith
Editor

The Lady Pilots were outscored 17 to two in the first half of the opening quarter of play at Obion County, Tenn., on Friday, Dec. 5. The Lady Pilots never completely recovered, losing the game 55-16.

"We came out flat and not focused," state Head Coach Leonard Smith, Sr. "We need better leadership on the floor and we have to be more aggressive."

Starting two freshmen the Lady Pilots are going to go through some growing pains this season.

"I know we have a young team," added Coach Smith, "and we were prepared to play them. It just seems once we took the floor we lost focus of everything from dribbling, passing, to cutting."

One area that the Lady Pilots shined in was at the free throw line, sinking six out of nine.

Scoring in the opening quarter for the Lady Pilots were freshman Jocelyn Mosely and senior Lucy Kimble.

Freshman Alana Coffey and sophomore Leah Weatherly joined Mosely in the scorers column during the second quarter.

At the start of the half the Lady Pilots had their work cut out for them down by 26, 37-11.

KyLira Williams and Kimble, scoring in the second half, were the last two Lady Pilots to score. The Lady Pilots were outscored five to 18.

"I thought the girls were overwhelmed against them because it was Obion (County). It is as simple as that," added Coach Smith. "We weren't focused, didn't run our defensive sets. We couldn't run the offense and we couldn't block out anyone."

"I didn't see too many good things, but I did see things we need to work on. It is too early

in the season to give up 30 points like we had never seen a basketball before," continued Coach Smith.

Coach Smith was going back to the drawing board in preparation of playing Trenton Peabody on Monday, Dec. 8. "We need to get

our game against Obion (County) passed us," he said. "Our next game is at home and we practice in that gym every day. Maybe that will help us have a better game shooting, better effort and better showing."



Photo by Charlotte Smith

OUT OF REACH - Fulton County Lady Pilots AnnaGregory Grissom, #32, and Jocelyn Mosely, #55, reach for the ball against Lady Rebel players Allie Adock, #21, and Justice Pearson, #14. Obion County won the game 55-16 on Friday, Dec. 5 on their home court.

Pilots suffer losses to two tough opponents

Charles Choate and
Charlotte Smith

The Fulton County Pilots began the season against two tough opponents facing Paducah Tilghman on Tuesday, Dec. 2 at home and traveling to Obion County, Tenn., on Friday, Dec. 5.

Paducah Tilghman 82 Fulton County 38 (at Hickman)

The old adage of "it's not how you start, but how you finish" played true during the Pilots season opening game against the Blue Tornadoes last week.

Fulton County jumped out to a quick 6-0 lead to start the game, only to have Tilghman outscore them 82-32 during the remainder of play.

The Tornadoes held a 15-11 lead at the end of the first quarter, but extended that to a 15-point advantage by halftime.

The third period was damaging for the Pilots attempt to make a comeback, as Tilghman used the scoring of five players to outscore Fulton County 25-9.

The final period was much the same, with Paducah outscoring the Pilots sluggish offense 19-6.

Coach Mitchell Williamson's team was hampered on the night, with guard DeVontae Hampton limited to very little play after collecting four first half fouls.

Starter Davis Major also missed a large majority of the game after banging knees with a Tilghman player.

Coach Williamson said with Hampton and Major only adding a combined five points during the game, his offense was hampered with scoring opportunities.

"When DeVontae (Hampton) was forced to sit, it changed our game," said the coach. "He cannot pick up those fouls like that. It changed everything we wanted to do. Then when Davis (Major) got hurt, we had two scorers on the bench. It also showed us that we have got to find seven or eight guys to play. We have to be able to go to the bench and produce. We started well, but when we went to the bench, it was over."

On the night, Steven Roberson led the Pilots with 12 points, followed by Terrell Wilson 6,

Aaron King 5, Justin Jones 4, DeVontae Hampton 3, Dre Smith 3, Ryan Williams 3, and Davis Major 2.

Paducah Tilghman was led by J.J. Reed with a game high 17 points.

Obion Co. 74 Fulton Co. 28 (at Obion Co.)

The Pilots game against the Rebels of Obion County, Tenn. didn't start out the way Head Coach Mitchell Williamson expected on Friday, Dec. 5. "Our kids didn't play with composure," he said after the 74-28 loss. "We had a couple of kids get mad. It is the first technical foul I have had in the four years I have been assisting or head coach of this team."

With approximately two minutes left in the opening quarter the Pilots were down by double digits and a technical was called on Davis Major.

"It didn't get feisty out there," added Coach Williamson. "I had kids saying they were clawing out there, it was bad."

Captain and spokesperson for the Pilots team Steven Roberson continued to play his game, never giving up.

"Roberson did play well," Coach Williamson noted. "He was the leading scorer and I like that he didn't give up. We were down 36 points at the half and he still kept playing."

When playing a Tennessee team this early in the season, they have the advantage Williamson pointed out. "They have played six or seven games already and this was only our second game," he said. "This game didn't matter. It just got away from us." One positive is that most everyone saw some playing time.

"Now we just have to get ready to play Trenton Peabody at home," he said. "We beat them last year by one in a nail bitter. They (Trenton) can get up and down the floor."

Last year the Pilots started the season with two 30-point losses, but then didn't lose by more than 20 the rest of the season. "We will have a few bumps in the road," added Coach Williamson. "We

just need to keep our best five out on the floor.

With a 30-game schedule Coach Williamson is reminding his players that they just need

to get ready for one. The next one that they play. "That is our goal, to build off this season," concluded Coach Williamson.



Photo by Charles Choate

HIGH FLYING - Fulton County's Steven Roberson dunks the basketball over three Paducah Tilghman players, during last week's season opener in Hickman. Roberson's slam attributed to two of his team high 12 points, but the Blue Tornado dominated the Pilots in an 82-38 win. Looking on at the play is the Pilots Terrell Wilson, #32, and DeVontae Hampton, #2.



Photo by Charlotte Smith

THE SKY'S THE LIMIT - Fulton County Pilot Steven Roberson, #21, reaches for the sky during the jump ball against Obion County's Blake Huggins. Roberson had 17 points in the game on Friday, Dec. 5 at Obion County.



READY TO MAKE A MOVE - Davis Major, #20, for the Fulton County Pilots gets ready to make a move against Obion County Rebel Joe Wiggins. The Rebels won the game on their home court 74-28.



TROPHY FOR THE HOT ROD - Darrell Rice, driving this '48 Chevrolet car was one of three who received a trophy in the Hickman Christmas Parade held on Saturday, Dec. 6.



'YOU'RE A MEAN ONE MR. GRINCH' - The Grinch was a guest on The Citizens Bank float all decked out like a sleigh. The Grinch was just one of many who participated in Saturday's Hickman Christmas Parade.

Police News

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- Traffic stop on Union City Hwy. – Erik Bodon cited for speeding and license not to be in possession.
- Traffic stop on Catlett St.
- Traffic stop on Kentucky St.
- Responded to a call at the police department.
- Responded to a call on Vance St.
- Traffic stop on Liberty St.

– Sandy Breeden arrested for failure to signal, DUI (drugs), prescription (controlled substance) not in proper container, and obstructed vision (windshield).

Editor's Note: This information was submitted in its entirety by a representative of the City of Hickman Police Department. Any corrections, changes, or deletions contact the Police Department at 270-236-2529.



SIGNS OF CHRISTMAS - These are just some of the Christmas Cards displaying greetings in and around Hickman. These cards are located in front of the water towers on Moscow Avenue. More cards are located at the corner of Seventh Street and Union City Highway near the Citizens Bank and others are located in downtown Hickman. Christmas greetings to all.



AMONG THE BEST - Walt Goodman Farms earned a trophy during the Hickman Christmas Parade held on Saturday, Dec. 6. Austin Goodman is out front driving a 400 Farmall tractor, pulling the trailer filled with parade participants busy throwing candy to parade watchers.

Classified

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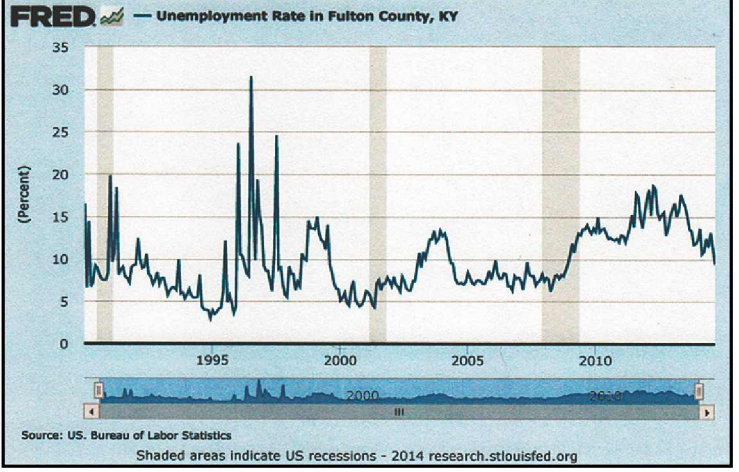
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Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has duly qualified as Executrix for the estate of J.T. Kennedy, deceased. All persons indebted to said estate shall pay any such indebtedness promptly, and all persons having claims against said estate shall present the same, properly verified according to law, to the undersigned, Hon. Rebecca Biehlich, Whitledge & Assoc., PLLC, 309 Carr Street, Fulton, KY 42041, or Sarah Johnson, Circuit Clerk, P.O. Box 198, Hickman, KY 42050, no later than June 19, 2015.

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Jobless Rate

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economic development groups have budgets in excess of 1 million dollars and have not had the investment that we have seen I am very pleased at what our board and I have been able to accomplish with such a small budget,” he said.

Crittendon agrees that there is much more to do. “We are working every day to bring companies to Fulton and Hickman counties,” Crittendon remarked. “Our goal at the EDP office is to help create the environment for investment so that anyone looking for a job will be able to find one. We have many positive things going right now and we are still talking with prospects.”

Crittendon is looking forward to 2015, noting he thinks it will be a great year for both Fulton and Hickman counties. He would love to see the unemployment rate fall to below 5% in the next year or so.

“I don’t usually get to over worked with jobless rates, but if you will remember when our rate was at its highest WPSD and others were running stories every week. Now that it’s lower the phone doesn’t ring,” he added. “I am always more concerned on making Fulton and Hickman counties economically viable for the future than I am with rates, but I am pleased none the less that our rate is going in the right direction.”

Boone County recorded the lowest jobless rate in the Commonwealth at 4.1 percent. It was followed by Woodford County, 4.2 percent; and Daviess, Fayette, Franklin, Madison, Owen, Simpson, Spencer and Warren counties, 4.4 percent each.

Jackson County recorded the state’s highest unemployment rate – 11.7 percent. It was followed by Magoffin County, 10.8 percent; Letcher County, 10.2 percent; Harlan County, 10.1 percent; Leslie County, 9.8 percent; Bell and Knott counties, 8.8 percent each; McCreary County, 8.7 percent; and Clay County, 8.4 percent. Hickman County’s jobless rate is 9% with an average over the last year of 9.46%.

“Our board will continue to press forward and work hard everyday to grow the economy in Fulton and Hickman counties,” concluded Crittendon.

Learn more about Kentucky labor market information at www.kylmi.ky.gov.



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